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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF OREGON PORTLAND DIVISION

TANA SPENCER, on behalf of herself and others similarly situated,

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Plaintiff,

v.

MIDLAND FUNDING LLC AKA MIDLAND FUNDING NCC-2 CORP, and, GORDON AYLWORTH & TAMI P.C.,

Defendants.

Pursuant to the Court's Opinion and Order, Dkt. 40, and the Court Order dated October 17, 2017, Dkt. 46, the parties jointly submit the following status report:

On October 21, 2016, this Court entered an Opinion and Order compelling the parties to proceed with arbitration. Dkt. 40 at 19. The Court also stayed this action pending resolution of the arbitration proceeding. Dkt. 40 at 18–19.

On November 15, 2017, the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") conducted a preliminary hearing on the issue of the arbitrability of plaintiff's claims under the arbitration provision in the relevant cardholder agreement. On November 20, 2017, the arbitrator issued an

order, attached as Exhibit 1 to this Joint Status Report, concluding that the arbitration clause in the cardholder agreement is valid, that the arbitration clause applies to plaintiff's claims against both defendants in this action, and that plaintiff's claims should proceed to arbitration on an individual basis. The arbitration hearing on plaintiff's individual claims is scheduled to occur on April 17, 2018.

DATED this 5th day of February, 2018.

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